

Old Sitka State Historic Park Archaeological Monitoring Form

Name _____ Date ____/____/____

Position _____

Instructions: Important historic and prehistoric artifacts have recently been found eroding from exposures at Old Sitka, making it imperative that archaeological monitoring be performed annually so these items are not lost. Monitoring should be performed during low tide in the spring or early summer. Monitoring should include eroding exposures like tree throws, as well as the beach of Starrigavan Bay, and Starrigavan Creek's south bank. You are looking for historic items, 50 years old and older. Look in particular for Russian artifacts (musket balls, glass beads, iron items) in tree throws between Starrigavan Bay and the highway, and along the Starrigavan Bay beach, and for wooden fish weir stakes along the Starrigavan Creek bank from the highway upstream to the eastern edge of the park. If artifacts are found: 1) describe what you found; 2) locate what you have found with a description ("40 meters upstream from highway", etc.), with a GPS reading, and with an arrow on the map on page two; 3) take photos of all items found (take several photos of the item in place, at different distances, and then a close-up of the item with something beside it for scale).

If you find something during your monitoring, call the Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) in Anchorage at (907) 269-8721, and ask for either the State Archaeologist or the Assistant State Archaeologist for specific directions on how to handle your find. They will probably ask you to dry the item, put it in a plastic bag, then box it up and send it to the Office of History and Archaeology (550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK, 99501). Keep a copy of this report, and send the original with photos and artifact(s) to OHA. **If nothing is found during monitoring, file form with Parks but do not contact OHA.**

Area Surveyed:

_____ Erosional exposures (esp. tree throws) between the beach and the highway
_____ Starrigavan Bay beach
_____ Starrigavan Creek stream bank

Historic items found? Yes _____ **No** _____

Give information below for each find:

What found: _____

Where found: _____

Where found: GPS location (Use datum NAD 83, or list datum if different):

Lat. _____ Long. _____

Photos of find (direction photo taken in/describe what is in photo)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Who did you talk to at Parks/OHA about this? _____

Where _____ and when _____ was the item sent?

Old Sitka State Historic Park Aerial Map
Note location artifact was found with arrow on map.

